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## LETTER OF SUPPORT TOWARDS OPEN GOVERNANCE PARTNERSHIP

I write in support of the application of the Ketu South Municipal Assembly (KSMA) to join the Open Government Partnership. It is our believe that the principles of Open Government Partnership (OGP) will deepen the local level participation in the governance process, create transparency and accountable local level governance among citizens of Ketu South Municipality.

KSMA has the vision to be the best managed and decentralized Assembly delivering superior client-oriented services. As a local level development authority, we believe that the policy focus of OGP including public services delivery (education, health, water and sanitation and security), anti-corruption, digital governance, fiscal openness, gender, natural resource governance, women in governance and right to information play critical role in promoting transparency, openness and accountability in the development process. The KSMA has over the years has implemented policies and programmes including 'OSIWA/CDD-Ghana's Strengthening Social Accountability through citizen Participation in Local Governance', USAID GSAM Performance Audit by the Ghana Audit Service and GIZ's Operationalization of Social Audit Committees that has enhanced local level governance.

We in the Ketu South Municipality are motivated to join the OGP since we believe that it will provide space for the Assembly to learn from the best practices of other local development authorities and enhance citizen participation on governance process. The Assembly has taken special interest the governance practices and development commitments of Sekondi-Takoradi Metropolitan Assembly and Shama District Assembly who are members of the OGP. A look at the two Assemblies above shows improvement in terms of transparency, accountability, openness and digitized governance. Consequently, we will be happy to improve our own local governance systems and practices in the same direction.

For further engagements, kindly contact the Municipal Coordinating Director on 0245507315 or [ibyuss52@gmail.com](mailto:ibyuss52@gmail.com) and [ketusouthtokor@gmail.com](mailto:ketusouthtokor@gmail.com). Thank you for the opportunity to enroll onto the OGP. We will be grateful if our application is considered.

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### To whom it may concern

#### **LETTER OF SUPPORT**

This is to exhibit Friends of the Nation's support for the Expression of Interest from Ketu-South Municipal Assembly (KSMA) of the Volta Region to join the Open Government Partnership (OGP) Local 2022 cohort.

As a civil society organization, Friends of the Nation (FoN) has over 25 years' experience in advocacy and research on civic participation, good governance and the use of technology and innovation to demand transparency and public accountability. FoN is the OGP Local civil society partners for Sekondi-Takoradi Metropolitan Assembly (STMA) and Shama District Assembly (SDA) in the Western Region of Ghana.

Since 2007, FoN we have been working with the KSMA in general, in promoting social accountability and active citizenship, and particularly in the area of resource management. We have collaborated with the KSMA to empower communities to effectively engage with the Assembly and relevant state agencies to address issues that affect them in fisheries livelihoods and salt mining; and also service promotion of access to public health and education. We have also facilitated development of their capacities on the planning, budgeting and monitoring cycles of land-use and fisheries. Currently, we are working on an initiative to stimulate effective participation of stakeholders in revenue generation in the fisheries sector (main occupation and the potentially the biggest source of internally generated funds to KSMA) and how to maximize revenue for projects and programs to effectively benefit women and children who are the primary beneficiaries to achieve gender equity and economic empowerment.

We believe in the KSMA which has zealously demonstrated commitment towards public accountability, transparency and civic participation in governance which are in line with the OGP values, thus joining the OGP Local 2022 cohort will provide the opportunity for the Assembly to share their experiences and learn from others in deepening transparency, accountability and good governance. The Assembly will also benefit from technical support from the OGP to advance open governance.

For any follow-up information please contact Randolph Kwesi Benyi Johnson through email: [k.johnson@fonghana.org](mailto:k.johnson@fonghana.org); and [kbr.johnson1969@gmail.com](mailto:kbr.johnson1969@gmail.com). We look forward to a successful application from the Ketu-South Municipal Assembly.

For Humanity,

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